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SUBJ: MBFR: BILATERAL CONVERSATION WITH SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES
OF MAY 18, 1977

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1. IN BRIEF CONVERSATION MAY 20, SOVIET DEPREP SHUSTOV TOLD
US REPS THAT MAY 18 DISCUSSION ON ARMAMENT REDUCTIONS HAD BEEN
USEFUL. HE SAID THE SOVIET DELEGATION WOULD GIVE FURTHER THOUGHT
TO US VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THAT DISCUSSION AND WOULD RETURN TO THE
SUBJECT. SHUSTOV SAID THAT DURING THE LUNCH HE HAD OMITTED TO
RAISE ONE POINT IN THIS CONTEXT WHICH HE HAD HAD IN MIND TO MAKE:
IT WAS ONE THING IF THE SOVIETS WERE BEING ASKED TO WITHDRAW
ONLY TANKS. BUT IT WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE CONCEPT OF
REDUCTION OF ONLY SELECTED ARMAMENTS IF US WAS TO WITHDRAW
ONLY NUCLEAR ELEMENTS AND THE SOVIETS HAD TO WITHDRAW BOTH THE
TANKS OF A TANK ARMY AND ALL ITS ARMAMENTS IN ADDITION. US

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REPS SAID THEY WERE AWARE THAT THE SOVIETS HAD RAISED THIS
ISSUE EARLIER.

2. COMMENT: SHUSTOV'S REMARK PROVIDES SOME INDICATION, IF
THOUGH ONLY A LIMITED ONE, THAT DESPITE THE EXISTING STALEMATE
IN THE VIENNA TALKS, THE SOVIETS HAVE SOME INTEREST IN MOVING
THE NEGOTIATIONS AHEAD AS WELL AS SOME INCLINATION TO

FURTHER MODIFY THEIR POSITION ON ARMAMENT REDUCTIONS.RESOR

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